

REMARKS

Claims 24 and 26 have now been amended to recite that the claimed cover tape is a removable adhesive cover tape, as disclosed in the specification on page 9, in paragraph [0029], where it is also stated that this arrangement permits the cover tape to be easily removed after the molding has been formed.

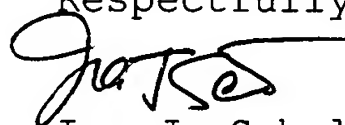
Claims 24, 26 and 41 have been amended to recite that the in situ formed molding (or extension or side wall portion thereof) has an outer surface that is substantially flush with an outer surface of the panel. This structure is clearly shown in the drawing figures.

With regard to the cited references, Applicants once again point out that neither Mozawa et al nor Endoh et al discloses a panel comprising a cover tape, much less a removable adhesive cover tape. In Mozawa et al, the structure alleged to be a cover tape is actually an opaque printed layer 9, which is clearly not removable, while the structure 42 of Endoh et al is a sealing member which is part of the molding apparatus and not part of the panel, and also clearly not a removable adhesive cover tape.

Moreover, neither Mozawa et al nor Endoh et al discloses a molding with a surface that is substantially flush with the panel outer surface.

For the reasons discussed, the claims as amended clearly distinguish over the cited references.

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